

**Asheville-Buncombe Homeless Coalition
Meeting Minutes: March 2, 2010**

Welcome: Richard Leatherman welcomed the group.

Agency Updates:

- *Asheville Homeless Network:* Jerry Nelson is preparing for a cross-country bike ride to raise money and awareness for AHN. AHN has also started a newspaper, the Street Sentinel, which will eventually be written by, for, and about people experiencing homelessness. Please send news items and requests for Street Sentinel copies to ashevillehomeless@yahoo.com. The paper is published on Thursdays.
- *Housing Authority:* People experiencing chronic homelessness and victims of domestic violence have preference for waitlist vouchers.

2-1-1 and CHIN: 2-1-1 and CHIN have a new partnership, which will enable HMIS users to access the 2-1-1 database and make referrals directly through HMIS. 2-1-1 just launched a new version of their online database: www.211wnc.org, and they'll provide training on using it upon request. 2-1-1 and CHIN are demonstrating their new partnership in a Lunch & Learn on March 24th at 11 a.m. at United Way.

2010 Census: Census workers are doing street counts and also managing 'get counted' sites where people can pick up a survey or fill it out on-site. Those sites will be located throughout the community, including at some homeless service providers. Someone from the census will send Amy a list of sites, which she'll pass on to the Coalition. In the future, we should look at how to combine the Point-in-Time count with the census.

Point-in-Time Count: Still waiting on some data to come in and will report out at next month's meeting. Asheville City Schools now has a homeless liaison so they've reported for the first time.

Next Regular Meeting: April 6, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. at Haywood Street Congregation, located at 297 Haywood Street.